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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS PFOR EG
SUBJ: DEACTIVATION/ REPAIR OF TWO USN HEAVY LIFT
CRAFT (YHLC) AT ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD

REF: (A) CAIRO 9783(NOTAL)
(B) CTG SIX FIVE PT SEVEN P021633Z NOV 74 (NOTAL)

1. LATE DECEMBER 12 EMBASSY RECEIVED DELIVERY OF
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE NO. 253 DATED DECEMBER 11
IN REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF DECEMBER 7 REQUESTING PERMISSION
TO HAVE PRE-INACTIVATION REPAIRS TO TWO US NAVY HEAVY LIFT
CRAFT (YHLC) PERFORMED AT COMMERCIAL SHIPYARD IN
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF MFA NOTE STATED THAT "ALL REPAIR
FACILITIES WOULD BE PLACED AVAILABLE IN THE PORTS OF
SUEZ AND PORT SAID FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED VESSELS TO
ACCOMPLISH THE REQUESTED REPAIRS." MFA NOTE CONTAINED
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NO REFERENCE TO ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD. UNDERSTAND FROM

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PREVIOUS COMMENTS BY CAPTIAN BOYD THAT SUEZ FACILITIES
INADEQUATE AND ADEQUACY OF THOSE IN PORT SAID DOUBTFUL.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT, WHILE CAST IN POSITIVE
SENSE, MFA NOTE REPRESENTS GOE TURN-DOWN OF OUR REQUEST
TO HAVE REPAIRS DONE AT ALEXANDRIA. THIS TURN-DOWN IS
NOT UNEXPECTED IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SAME ALEXANDRIA SHIP-
YARD IS USED BY THE SOVIET NAVY FOR REPAIR OF THE VESSELS
IN ITS MEDITERRANEAN FLEET. UNDER PRESENT POLITICAL
CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY SEES NO POINT IN MAKING FURTHER
REPRESENTATION TO OBATAIN PERMISSION TO HAVE THE WORK DONE
IN ALEXANDRIA.

4. FOR CTG SIX FIVE PT SEVEN: UNLESS OTHERWISE
ADVISE, ASSUME IT WOULD BE YOUR INTENTION MAKE ALTERNATE
ARRANGEMENTS OUTSIDE EGYPT FOR YHLC REPAIRS.
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